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Rumors prompt Whitpain Police investigation

Lechler, Krum deny interference

"I can deny it!" was Chairman William Lechler's reply to a rumor brought up at last week's Whitpain Supervisors meeting alleging a supervisor's interference with police officers doing their job.

Supervisor Robert Krum also denied any interference with the police as Joyce McCliesh, Democratic candidate for Krum's position on the Board, brought up the rumor.

McCliesh said that a rumor was being spread in the township that recently a female friend of one of the supervisors had been arrested for drunken driving. After the woman had been taken to the police station she was allowed to make phone calls to township officials and was subsequently released after the officers had spoken to one of the supervisors.

"This Board will not deal with rumors," Lechler said to McCliesh and it was suggested to her by Krum that she take her case to the District Attorney. McCliesh said after the meeting that she would take the case to the DA.

Supervisor Anthony DeVincent who was not present at the meeting did not have a chance to deny the allegation.

Jim Woods, member of the Wissahickon School Board and unopposed Democratic candidate on both tickets for that position, affirmed to the Supervisors that he too had heard the rumor recently.

Barbara D'Arcy, a Republican

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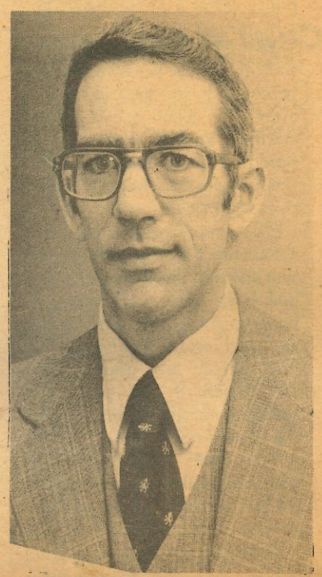

Whitpain Chief Jude Walsh

Chief Walsh to discipline officers

The rumor charging that one of Whitpain's supervisors had interfered with police caused the township's new police chief, Jude Walsh, to investigate an incident which had occured on August 16 this year.

The initial results of his investigation were made public at a news conference called by Supervisors William Lechler and Robert Krum late last Friday afternoon.

Supervisor Anthony DeVincent was not invited to the conference and he had not been present at last week's supervisors meeting when the allegations had been made.

According to Joyce McCliesh, a Democratic candidate for Krum's seat on the Board, a rumor was spreading in Whitpain Township that a female friend of one of the supervisors had been arrested and that after phone calls were made the woman was released.

The Supervisors, Lechler and Krum, had responded at the meeting that they could categorically deny that they had ever interfered with the police doing their job. They also said that they would not deal with rumors only specifics.

Walsh, who has just recently taken over the Whitpain force and has not actually moved to the job on a daily basis, said that he had been informed by the press of the incident at the township meeting the next day and at that time he initiated the investigation.

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Lower Gwynedd Supervisors anticipate snow

By Lois Kalata

A discussion concerning parking during snow storms at last month's Lower Gwynedd township meeting prompted the supervisors to look into existing ordinances dealing with parking restrictions during storms.

It was discovered that in 1970 Ordinance 104 was posted, which ruled that during storms of three inches or more owners with driveways or more cannot park on the street and those without driveways can park on only one side of the street. On streets running north to south parking is permitted on the west side and on streets running east to west parking is allowed on the north side.

Board of supervisors chairman Charles Hale said the ordinance should be reviewed to see if it is effective and that the township would consider posting "Snow Emergency Route Signs". He said the matter should be looked into during the next couple of weeks in time for the fall road inspections.

In closing out the revenue sharing funds, $2,990 was donated to Turning Point, $2,300 was donated to the Visiting Nurses Association of Ambler and Vicinity and $1,000 was given to SAGA for a total of $6,290. Two police cars were purchased out of the revenue sharing money for $16,469 and $23,341 was used for police salaries. A total fo $46,200 was transferred from the revenue sharing account to the general fund.

Two vacancies were announced by Supervisor George Adams, one for the zoning board and another on the Wissahickon Valley Public Library board.

Six subdivision plans have been submitted to the township including: the six-lot subdivision of the E. Craig Sweeten property on Davis Road; the Gypsy Run, 43-lot subdivision at the corner of Plymouth and Evans Roads; Spring House Co. - three lots on Penllyn Pike and the joint subdivision of the Graham and Crawford properties to make a total of seven lots at the corner of Plymouth and Gypsy Hill Road.

Next public meeting of the board is set for Nov. 12, 8 p.m. at the township building.

N. Wales Mayor and Council clash

By Barbara Naylor

North Wales Mayor Charles Shiele met with swift resistance from the Borough Council when for the second time he vetoed the controversial firearms ordinance at the regular borough meeting last week.

Without pausing for discussion, the council overrode the mayor's veto and passed ordinance 543, which requires police officers to obtain certification from an outside National Rifle Association (NRA) approved firearms instructor.

Before exercising his veto, the mayor stated that his primary objection was to the type of combat course specified in the ordinance.

The newly passed ordinance has aroused controversy from the start because it removes firearms qualifictions from the jurisdiction of the mayor and the departmental firearms instructor, Roger Taylor, who is himself NRA approved. It does so by requiring each police officer to schedule his own practice sessions, to find his own NRA instructor outside the department, and to bring back a sworn affidavit attesting to his certification.

Councilman J. Paul Homan said that the new procedure would make it possible to reprimand an officer individually if he failed to qualify, and would in future years save the borough considerable expense.

Officer Taylor, who is suing the council for approximately two thousand dollars in back fees for qualifying police officers

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"The only thing that was missing was that it wasn't Manhattan," *said Jane Lechler at the Whitpain Republican Committee "Breakfast at Tiffany's." Pictured from Left to Right are Robert Krum, Candidate for Supervisor; Jane Lechler, Fund Raiser Committee Co-Chairman with Barbara D'Arcy and Candidate for Supervisor, Bill DeWald. The function which raises most of the campaign funds for the local GOP was attended by over 150 guests. Among the guests were Montgomery County Republican Candidates. Pictured with Mrs. D'Arcy and Mrs. Lechler are from Left to Right: Candidates for Judge Messrs. Nichols, and Salus; and Mr. Smyth, Candidate for District Attorney.*

Whitpain Supervisors Meeting cont.

Committeewoman and member of the Whitpain Republican Committee, spoke up that these allegations were coming from political rivals of the Board and the source should be taken into consideration.

Woods replied that he had no political motivation in saying what he had said since he was running virtually unopposed.

Lt. Donald Slater who was sitting outside the Boardroom said to *The Observer* that he could not comment and that the matter would have to be taken up with the new chief, Jude Walsh who would be in Whitpain that next Friday.

The Township meeting had started out with another surprise, but this time it had come from the Supervisors. Ten or so men dressed in business suits, apparently representing interests in the important R-5, R-6 zoning decision, left the meeting after they were told by Chairman Lechler that the Board was postponing their decision on R-5, R-6 until the next Supervisors Meeting to be held on November 2.

Lechler announced that the Board was still considering any recommendations that were presented to them in writing prior to that meeting.

In another matter which had been discussed at a previous meeting the Supervisors explained that the lifting of the sewer moratorium by Plymouth Township on part of Whitpain would not mean a sudden influx of building.

The lifting of the moratorium only applied to approximately 500 single family homes or equivilent businesses in a part of the township which was serviced by Plymouth. Supervisor Krum later further clarified to *The Observer* that this would only mean a potential future hook-up of about 80 new single family or business connections to the sewer lines.

It was also announced that Heimbach and Sweatt had won the bid for an additional new police car at a price of $7,506.

Mayor vetoes firearms ordinance

since 1976, said after the meeting that he would ask to be absolved of all responsibility for any firearms incidents in the future. Taylor also said that he would contact "all NRA instructors that I know of and direct them to secure 1 million dollars in liability insurance before certifying anyone from the North Wales police department."

Once again, he said, the council is trying to usurp the power of the mayor, and is doing so at the expense of firearms safety.

It was not to be the mayor's night. In another police matter, Borough Solicitor Winters read a decision handed down by County Court Judge Lawrence Brown ordering the mayor to return a time clock to the police department, and to reestablish the 6 day on, 2 day off work schedule guaranteed by the officers' contract. The order came as the result of a civil suit brought against the mayor by the borough council.

When asked why he locked up the department's time clock, Mayor Shiele said, "it's just not necessary in a police department. . . it's like telling police officers that they're not doing their job." The Public Safety Committee had the time clock installed in an effort to better keep track of officers' personal, vacation, and sick days, said Councilwoman Jane Ciccocelli.

Police should have made arrest: says Chief Walsh

He explained to *The Observer* early Friday afternoon that he would make a full disclosure in a few days, however, later in the afternoon the press conference was called and he explained that he did not want to put off the press any longer than necessary.

Representatives of two other newspapers as well as *The Observer* were invited. Showing up also at the meeting were Joyce McCliesh and Maria Olshansky, Democratic candidate for Whitpain tax collector.

Walsh started off by saying that his investigation was not yet complete, but that he felt that he had enough findings to make a statement concerning the incident. The facts were:

At 1:45 a.m. on Aug. 16 of this year Officer Smith of the Whitpain force radioed that he was stopping a car whose driver seemed to be intoxicated or high on drugs. He was backed up by Officer O'Brien. This was normal procedure.

The driver of the car was a woman (her name was not released by the Chief because she was never formally charged and he said that because of legal reason he was not certain that at the time of the press conference he could do so.) He did say that after the legal question was clarified and if their was no potential liable charges against the township the name would be released.

The woman was taken to the Township Building. Walsh said that she told the officers that she had been awake for nineteen hours and that she had stopped at a local restaurant and had had "two scotch and waters." She also asked if she could call someone to advise her of what she should do.

The Chief continued: The woman pulled out her address book which supposedly contained several Whitpain officials names and telephone numbers. She was given permission to call. She first tried to reach Township Solicitor Marc Kaplin. No answer. She then tried to call Supervisor Krum. Again no answer. Thirdly, she tried to call some else, said Walsh. "The name escapes me now who that person was," explained Walsh, but he assured the press that he would get it to them. *The Observer* asked if that name was Tony DeVincent. Walsh replied that it was not and that he was familiar with Mr. DeVincent's name.

At this time, according to Walsh, Officer O'Brien realizing that she was calling important township officials took it upon himself to call Chairman Lechler and ask what O'Brien should do. Walsh said that O'Brien indicated that Lechler admitted to knowing the woman, but that Lechler said to him to be courteous to the woman but to do whatever had to be done.

A few minutes later the unidentified woman then called Lechler herself seeking advice. According then to Chairman Lechler he told the woman to be courteous to the police and cooperate with them.

After this a breathalyzer test was administered to the woman, she was released and she was driven home. Walsh said that according to the breathalyzer results the woman could have been charged with intoxication, however, it was a borderline case and Officer O'Brien had taken it upon his own discretion to not make the charge. O'Brien made reference in his defense to a memo he said came from the District Attorney's office which indicated that the DA did not want border line cases cluttering up the courts.

According to the DA, no such memo was in existence.

Because in Walsh's opinion the woman should have been charged from the facts that had come to light in his investigation, he anticipated some discliplinary actions to be taken against the officers. Smith is in his first year on the force while O'Brien is a nine year veteran.

When asked, Walsh said that the Distric Attorney's office had been informed of his investigation and that the DA was not anticipating stepping in and investigating himself.

When asked if he felt that he could conduct an impartial investigation of his own force and the supervisors who hired him, the new Chief replied that he would not jeopardize his nineteen year career for anyone.

Chairman Lechler interjected that that was one of the reasons Walsh was chosen over many other candidates for chief. They were assured that he would do a good job.

Supervisor Krum was asked if he knew of the woman and he replied that she had worked with him in his insurance business approximately 15 to 18 months prior.

After an hour the press conference was adjourned. Some questions remained. Who was the woman? Why did she have names and telephone numbers of township officials? Who was the third telephone call made to? What was the discliplinary action to be taken by the new chief against the officers?

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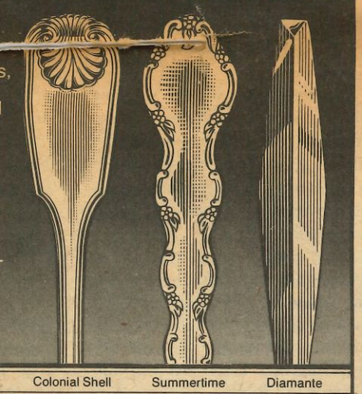

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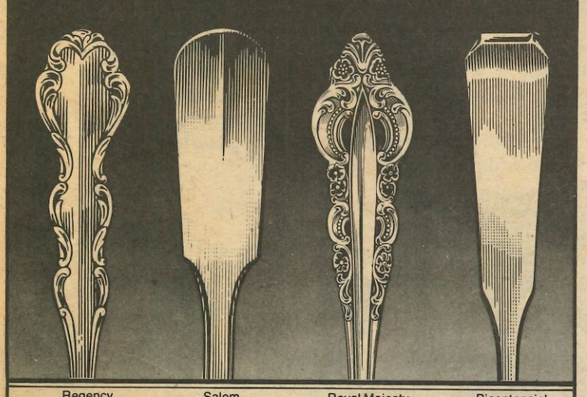

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East Norriton Water Company's future has dwindled down to two options

By Marci Radbill

Washington Square Gardens residents have been drinking bacterial free water without boiling it first for over two weeks now, but their problems are far from over.

According to latest report concerning the future of the East Norriton Water Company, and service to its 92 customers, the three options posed at last week's meeting have now dwindled down to 2.

Washington Square Gardens resident, Horace Troxel, son of one of the deteriorating utility's former owners said last week that he will not be able to assume ownership of the water company. At the community meeting held on October 8th, Troxel expressed an interest in taking over the company. It seems that he has now reconsidered his offer after studying the condition of the facility. He has indicated that the financial responsibilities connected with its repair, prohibit his taking over ownership of the firm.

The remaining two options are not without other problems however. One option is for take-over by Keystone Water Company which already has some water lines in the area. Residents though have indicated that they prefer the taste of the well water they now receive to Keystone's "Schuylkill River Punch," and want to keep it at all costs. And those costs, accoridng to Keystone, could run quite high. Keystone estimates that repairing the major leaking lines which have caused low water pressure and flooding of basements and lawns, would cost $4,000 to $5,000. To overhaul the system, and put in some new 6-inch pipe would cost $40,000-$50,000.

The other option is the remote possibility that Washington Square Gardens residents would acquire the water company and after making the necessary repairs, run the firm themselves. Problems here are that running a company takes time and experience, and making costly repairs takes money—and lots of it.

The problems that will necessitate the expensive repairs came to a head in late August when the Department of Environmental Resources (DER) issued a boil water order to destroy coliform bacteria found in tests of water samples.

A chlorinator was installed under court order which rid the water of contamination, and permitted the boil water order to be lifted. Now, all that remain are 3 questions: Who will run the water company? Who will make the expensive repairs? And who will pay for them? Washington Square Gardens water problems unfortunately are not over yet!

OPEN HOUSE

An open house will be held at the newly expanded Whitpain Library on October 28, 1979 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The library is located at the corner of Rte. 73 and School Lane in Blue Bell.

At this time the public is invited to view the new facilities and acquaint themselves with the available library services. The library board members, library director and staff persons will be on hand to meet library patrons. New residents may also register for library cards. Refreshments will be served.

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Ad is misleading

TO THE EDITOR:

The advertisement that appeared in your publication dated October 17 and paid for by "Friends of McCliesh" stated that this individual was "first vice chairman of the 61st Legislative District."

I feel that this is a misleading statement by Ms. McCliesh, a Democratic candidate for Township Supervisor, and, as a State Representative for the 61st District, I take exception to her inference that she is a part or connected in any way with my office or my elected responsibilities.

Ms. McCliesh's implication that she is a part of the Pennsylvania legislative body is erroneous and in poor taste.

Joseph M. Gladeck, Jr.
State Representative
61st District

No problems with meetings

TO THE EDITOR:

I've read in the last several issues of your newspaper, and have witnessed by attending recent township meetings that the Democratic candidate for Supervisor has raised the same questions on numerous occasions.

One question that Ms. McCliesh has raised, is that township meetings are "not open". I find there are no problems with my getting my questions answered or more importantly having my comments heard.

Secondly, this candidate by her own statements and actions has shown that she is not a decision-maker, but performs abley as a chronic complainer. You'll note that this individual doesn't complain of the results, only that the township leaders do not bend to her whims, or acknowledge her rude public behavior.

Margaret Delaney
Blue Bell

Woods endorses candidates

TO THE EDITOR:

During the past several months, since winning both the Democratic and Republican primary elections for School Director, I have been approached by several politically active people and asked to:

a) change parties and become a Republican;
b) change parties, become a Republican and run for Committeeman from my district;
c) endorse the entire Democratic slate;
d) endorse the entire Republican slate; and finally,
e) voice an opinion regarding the number of Supervisors Whitpain Township should have.

In addition, I have been asked to advise friends as to which candidates they should consider. Until now, I have not made any public endorsements primarily because I had not made up my mind, but with the election less than a month away, I feel compelled to share my thoughts with those who might be interested.

To begin with, I am a registered Democrat. My votes, however, have sometimes been cast for Democrats and sometimes for Republicans. I tend to be an Independent in my assessment of political candidates and their activities. I have never been one for endorsing, or voting for a party's entire slat but try to judge the individual without regard to his/her party affiliation.

I am not interested in becoming a Committeeman from my district in either the Republican or the Democratic parties. I have no desire to add further obligations to an already very busy schedule and take more time away from my family.

Because of my insistance on remaining independent and judging each individual candidate, I cannot endorse the entire slate of any one political party. I plan to vote for some Republicans and some Democrats in the upcoming election.

As far as the Township's candidates are concerned, I plan to vote for the following:

1) For Supervisor — Stafford Keer and Joyce McCliesh will receive my vote because I think that there is a need for responsive and open local government in Whitpain; this is something they both espouse. I feel that their opponents have not demonstrated an attitude which is conducive to the filling of these critical needs. Their election would also lead to geographic diversity and eliminate the strong concentration of authority in the residents of one small area of the Township.

Both of these candidates are Democrats.

2) For Constable — Ed Edmonds will receive my vote because I think he is probably the better candidate for the job.

This candidate is a Republican.

3) For Tax Collector — I plan to vote for Maria Olshansky because she has demonstrated a willingness to put others' needs ahead of her own comforts. In addition, I feel that the current situation which allows the collecting, spending and auditing of tax money to be done by the members of only one party should be changed. The necessary checks and balances to safeguard our tax dollars should be put in place.

This candidate is a Democrat.

4) For Auditor — I plan to vote for Sam Scardino because he has excellent qualifications and is willing to dedicate himself to this important and thankless task.

This candidate is a Republican.

5)Three or Five Supervisors for Whitpain — In the hope that it can lead to concurrent representation from all areas of the township (Blue Bell, Broad Axe, Center Square, Greystone, and Mermaid Estates) and decrease the likelihood of favoritism toward one area, I plan to vote in favor of five Supervisors. It is my impression that the additional expense will be minimal and that the potential rewards, in creating greater diversity, objectivity, openness, and representativeness on the part of the Supervisors, are immeasurable.

The most important endorsement I would like to give, however, is the endorsement of independent thought. The people should come out and vote. They should vote for, or against, individual candidates based on their qualifications, abilities, and views rather than on a party label.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity and forum for expressing my views.

James F. Woods
Center Square

Krum replies to McCliesh

TO THE EDITOR:

I read in your issue of October 17th, a letter by Joyce McCleish, the Democratic candidate for Supervisor.

Joyce wants more time for R5 & R6 consideration, although these classifications started to be considered at least a year ago with considerable meetings and trips by our Planning Commission to Delaware to see a functioning sample of this zoning.

Miss McCleish also was a participant in a debate sponsored by the Blue Bell Area Taxpayers Association discussing R5 & R6 in April 1979.

If this Democratic candidate cannot in a years time make up her mind about land use, how will she fair running a 1.2 million dollar budget?

Experienced candidates are not created overnight by newspaper advertising. They are formed through years of inter-

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The State of the Arts

By Robert H. Finkel

The arts mean business — at least that's what the television ad says. Bill Simon, for one, hopes that's true. Bill (read that William *W.*, not to be confused with William *E.*, former Secretary of the Treasury) and his wife put $400,000 into turning a burned out supermarket in Levittown into the Paso Doble Ballroom. At age 55, he's "letting it ride" on the belief that people will come out to hear the big bands and dance. You remember — the kind where you touch your partner, even hold her close? I grew up on Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey. I sure hope it works out for the Simons. If you believe in the principle of Yin and Yang, there has to be a downside to this capitalistic opener. There is. It's called the National Endowment for the Arts. That, friends is a government agency which distributes our tax money to support certain "worthwhile" artistic endeavors. This year they gave out about $10 million to symphony orchestras alone. The Philadelphia Orchestra got about $250,000 of those tax dollars. I like our orchestra. I've paid directly to hear them in the past and probably will do so many times in the future. But I object to paying for them indirectly. I have to ask: Worthwhile? By whose standards? If you prefer Brubeck or the Bee-Gees to Brahms, you shouldn't be paying part of the tab. But you are. Nobody can tell me what good music is. Good music (to me) is what I like to listen to. I wouldn't try to force my standards on you. I object to government doing it for either of us.

If government doesn't support the orchestra, won't the ticket price go up? Probably, but so what? Those who like classical music will pay the freight. But suppose they won't, the orchestra may fold. Possible, but so what? I would rather risk that than give government control of the arts through the purse strings. And if you believe our government would never interfere with artistic content, choice of directors or the like simply because it has life or death control of the money, let me tell you about the Tooth Fairy and the Easter Bunny. . .

Money isn't that important to the artist. It's the lack of it. Over all of recorded history, few artists were wealthy. Few were even comfortable. Most were downright poor. But there was something burning in their souls that they just had to get out. I doubt there is enough money in the world to pay a ballerina for the literal torture she puts her body through every day. Thank God that the artists existed, exist and hopefully will exist in the future. They make all of our lives potentially richer. It amazes me that they managed to create such beauty over hundreds of years without a National Endowment for the Arts.

The arts offer wonderful opportunities for children to learn and grow. Best of all, it introduces them to striving for perfection, to making each performance or piece better than the last. If I have slanted this article toward the performing arts, I apologize to those readers who are practitioners or devotees of the fine, plastic or graphic arts. My experiential bias is showing. Nevertheless, I can identify with the members of the Philadelphia Boy's Choir who recently toured Pakistan, China and Egypt. It's been 19 years, but I had the privilege of touring Norway, Sweden and Denmark with the Drexel Varsity Singers. (And not one penny came from government).

This striving for perfection cannot be overemphasized. Even within a choir, each singer is alone in his performance. He can only make the choir better by singing better himself. Yet each soprano shares the *whole* soprano part with the others in the section. I can't imagine that it would be fulfilling if only soprano #1 sang every middle C, soprano #2 every D, soprano #3 every E and so on. But that's the hottest thing in music education right now: handbells. A professor of music education at West Chester State College observed that there is sheet music for handbells from Chopsticks to the William Tell Overture. You line up 11 to 14 children and give them each a bell tuned to a different note. "They don't have to spend three years practicing the trumpet", he said. "It's just a matter of giving the bell a good shake." Hell's bells, man! That's reducing music to mediocrity. How can you compare keeping your clapper quiet to fingering, tonguing,breath control and ombechure? I've heard handbell choirs. They're cute for about two numbers. Over-all they're about two steps removed from a nursery school rhythm band. Please don't ever tell those kids that they're musicians.

I know that more of my readers are listeners and lookers than singers and sculptors. To you I'm happy to report that the state of the arts is good. There's more for you to choose from today than ever before. And more of what there is, is well executed and getting better. My only caution to you is not to allow others to think for you. There is no right or wrong in art, no good or bad. There is only that which pleases *you* and that which doesn't. When I was in college Andy Warhohl's pop art was the rage. My friends all raved, but few if any could explain what they liked about his work or why they like it. Somehow, a giant sized can of Campbell's soup left me cold — and there's nothing worse than cold Campbell's soup. On the other hand, I flipped when I first saw the drawings of Maurits C. Escher. I wish I could afford to buy one. But then we journalists, like artists, are mostly downright poor.

Krum — cont.

acting with the former Supervisors, serving on Township Boards and Commissions and being involved with Township functions.

In that light, I have served as: Chairman of the Blue Bell Area Taxpayers Association; Member of the Whitpain Planning Commission (land use); Am currently Township Supervisor; Served on Whitemarsh Police Review Board; Helped set up Whitemarsh Police Pension Plan; Graduate of Temple University and Graduate of Wharton School (CLU). Republican committeeman.

With this past service, I feel qualified to use the work experienced.

Robert A. Krum
Blue Bell, Pa.

Lechler: Board has been praised

TO THE EDITOR:

Several months ago I asked our Department of Community Affairs, Police Consultant, Frank Pilewski, if he had noticed any indications of political interference in Whitpain Township's Police Department. He responded September 21, 1979.

Perhaps his attached letter, along with our new Chief's investigation will dispell any current pre-election accusations.

William M. Lechler,
Chairman Whitpain Supervisors

Mr. William Lechler, Chairman
Whitpain Township Board of Supervisors

Dear Sir:

With regards to so-called charges of political interference in the police operations of Whitpain Township, please be advised of the following:

During the time that this consultant has been assisting Whitpain Township, there have been no instances of "political interference" with the operation of the police department. There were instances where certain "political officials" assumed that they were independent and answerable to no one. This practice usually comes with long tenure.

Elected officials are the legal representatives of the citizens of the community. All township employees including the Manager, Chief of Police, Street Superintendent, and other department and authority heads, have an employer—employee relationship with elected officials. Many times police personnel tend to forget this fact, and when the employers exercises their duty, the employees (police) tend to respond by using the old smoke screen of political interference to cover up their shortcomings.

Rarely has this consultant observed township supervisors who have cooperated in professionalizing police services and benefits to the extent that the Supervisors in Whitpain have.

The Management Study

See Pg. 7 — Lechler

Barshay responds to League

TO THE EDITOR:

In response to the letter from Jeanetta Bicking of the North Penn League of Women Voters regarding clean air, I would like to point out that 1) In states where such mandatory inspection maintenance programs exist, there has been little change regarding the overall level of pollution. 2) The average motorist is already straining under the pressures of increased taxation and rising fuel and repair costs. The burden of cleaner running cars belongs to the auto makers, not the consumer. 3) Another bureaucracy would be required to police the I/M station to prevent abuses; few drivers would welcome the inconvenience of a separate inspection for emissions paid for by consumers. Interestingly, government vehicles have been exempted from the I/M regulations.

I am very much for clean air, but let those who profit from manufacturing vehicles that produce dirty air, pay for changes that should have been made years ago.

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When buying car, write three checks

Harrisburg — Persons buying a car in Pennsylvania should make certain they write three separate checks, according to Rep. Joseph M. Gladeck, Jr.

"When you buy a car in our state you must pay for sales tax and title fees," he said.

"These charges are usually just tacked on to the total price you pay to purchase the car.

"However, a few unscrupulous dealers are not forwarding this money to the proper state agencies.

"The person who buys the car is responsible for paying these fees and will be held liable for them if the dealer does not pay the right agencies."

Gladeck said to make certain that the charges are paid consumers should write three separate checks when buying a car.

"You should write one check to cover the price of the car," he said. "This check should be made out to the dealer.

"The second check should be made out to the Department of Revenue for the sales tax. The third one should be written to the Department of Motor Vehicles to cover the title fees.

"Don't let the car dealer talk you into writing one check. You are responsible for these charges and if the money does not go to the proper authorities you will have to pay the charges again."

Gladeck to hold Plymouth meeting

Harrisburg — Rep. Joseph M. Gladeck today asked citizens of the 61st legislative district to share their views and concerns with him on Oct. 30 at a local meeting.

The town meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Plymouth Township Building,700 Belvoir Road, Plymouth.

"I am holding informal meetings throughout my district to obtain the opinion of the people on issues before the House and to offer assistance with any problems they might be having with state government," he said.

"To best represent my constituents I need to know their opinions and problems. I therefore urge district residents to meet with me Oct. 30."

Gladeck added that this is the second in a series of town meetings which he intends to hold. The first meeting was held Sept. 26 in the Norristown Borough Hall.

"I especially hope that residents of the Plymouth area will attend the Oct. 30th meeting," he said. "I would like their opinion on current topics such as product liability reform, constitutional spending limitation measure and welfare reform."

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Crackdown on Postal Fraud

A crackdown on postal fraud has been promised by U.S. postal authorities following a meeting with officials of the Montgomery County Department of Consumer Affairs.

Mrs. Betty B. Linder, director of the County office, said a new consumer protection program by the Post Office will concentrate on fraudulent invoicing, fake contests, correspondence schools, business directories and work-at-home schemes.

"While the majority of mail-order companies are reputable and legitimate with many satisfied customers," Mrs. Linker said, "there are consumers through this County and country that have been bilked of large amounts of money annually due to mail fraud and misrepresentation.

It was stressed by Mrs. Linker that Montgomery County residents who believe they are being bilked via mail fraud to contact her office at 278-3565.

Lechler Letter to Editor continued.

conducted by the Department of Community Affairs consultant points up areas of extreme concern - namely traffic fatalities and injuries and lack of effective enforcement. When the supervisors attempted to correct his situation prior to the publication of the study, a ranking police official attempted to cover the department's apathy by charging political interference rather than perform the administrative functions that his position dictates.

It is the opinion of this consultant that the Whitpain Board of Supervisors have acted in a very high and professional manner in their dealings with the police department. They have attemtpted to secure the best police services possible for the citizens of Whitpain Township and they should be commended for their action.

Sincerely,

Francis J. Pilewski
Municipal Police Consultant
Bureau of Local Government Services

Whitpain REC

Election of Officers for the Whitpain Recreation Association were held in September at the Association's Annual Meeting. Officers for 1979 - 1980 are: President: Lou Wade; VP-Administration: Millie Dejewski; VP-Maintenance Facilities: Dewaine Miller; VP-Maintenance Equipment: Nino DeSante; VP-Operations: Bill Burr; Treasurer: Charles Hopkins; Secretary: Roquez Bejarano.

The Directors are: Rick Ford, Harry Green, Jack Henderson, Jim Kilgallon, Al Lewullis, Garry Litman, Bill McGee, Mike Pavlick, Walt Piecyk, Larry Powell, Jr., Bill Reimert. Alternate: Joe Watson.

The WRA is currently running the youth soccer league and will soon hold registration for their basketball program. The WRA meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Township Building at 8:00 p.m.

Gladeck endorses Slate

"I am pleased to be associated with such a fine group of well-qualified candidates as Whitpain has running this Fall," said Joseph M. Gladeck, Jr., State Representative, 61st District.

"I know Supervisor Bob Krum (presently completing an appointed term) and Bill DeWald will work well together with incumbent supervisor Bill Lechler for the betterment of the Whitpain community."

Bob Krum is currently secretary-treasurer of the Whitpain Board of Supervisors and Bill DeWald has garnered govermental experience as a member of the Township's Planning and Traffic Survey Committees.

"Incumbents Charles Cannon, Tax Collector; Sam Scardino, Auditor; and Ed Esmond, Constable, will continue their fine service and I urge full support for their nominations."

Gladeck continued, "All candidates are men of integrity who will give Whitpain Township residents the kind of experienced leadership necessary to carry on good government.

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Sister Beatrice tutors Holmesburg inmates

"Now that you got what you want from us we probably won't see you around here anymore" was the statement from a Holmesburg Prison inmate when Sister Mary Beatrice concluded a series of questionnaires at the prison. The statement was one that carried strong impact — one that could hardly be dismissed. There were also the eyes, the expression, to contend with, along with the knowledge that here was a genuine need.

It wasn't long following that encounter that Sister Beatrice, assistant professor of education at Gwynedd-Mercy College, was tutoring inmates at Holmesburg, helping them to learn and improve their reading skills.

Every Thursday night Sister Beatrice taught reading to the inmates, some of whom were on the first grade level. She started out with the alphabet and eventually moved into reading and comprehensive skills.

The tutorial program, set up by the Catholic Social Services, is part of the Criminal Justice Ministry. Involved were twenty Sisters and five priests from the Philadelphia area, all moonlighting from their regular full time positions.

"We didn't go into the prison with any judgmental preconceptions", said Sister. "The men were already paying for what they had done. We just wanted to help them develop the skills to hold down a job once they get out, thus helping them escape from that hopeless treadmill — into and out of correctional facilities."

Commenting on the program, Sister said, "I feel I did very little for the men, yet they did so much for me." She felt that the tutoring program was one of the most rewarding experiences she'd had in teaching.

Through Sister Beatrice's involvement with the Criminal Justice Ministry another Sister at the College was introduced to the program. This summer Sister Marie Suzanne, Director of Guidance, taught classes in Motivation and Personal Goal Setting. The classes, scheduled twice a day, five days a week centered around personal development, the awareness and acceptance of feelings and coping with these feelings.

The CJM handed out pamphlets offering courses in basic English, mathematics, psychology and creative writing. Of the 750 men at the prison only 40-50 registered for the classes.

According to Sr. Suzanne, who worked with small groups of six to twelve men at a time, "the men were extremely respectful and highly motivated." Sister also explained, "we tried to get them to look at prison as a positive experience and to see that health and wholeness begin in the head."

Sister noted that many of the prisoners are accustomed to poverty which often leads them indirectly back to jail. The syndrome of poor education, lack of motivation and peer group pressure contribute to the cycle. Then when they are arrested they rarely have bail money or the resources necessary for good legal defense.

At the conclusion of the five week course the participants received certificates of completion. Sister reflected on how fulfilling it was to work with these men. "They had such a sense of achievement and worth. Many were surprisingly religious, knowing a great deal about the Bible. It also seemed that they had learned that they had the power within themselves to better direct their lives."

Asked about some of the more memorable conversations with her students, Sister Marie Suzanne told of one young man who got out of Holmesburg and one day encountered two old friends on the street. They asked where he'd been. He replied that he'd been to an institution of higher learning. They laughingly corrected him, saying, "No, man, you been serving time." The young man thought a moment, then answered, "No, man, time's been serving me!"

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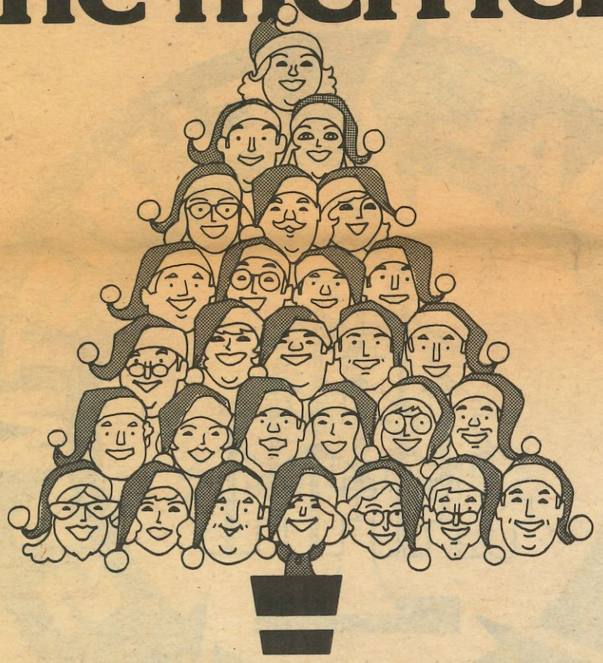

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Halloween Parade scheduled

East Norriton Parks and Recreation Department is holding a Halloween Parade on Saturday October 27 at 2:00 p.m.

All children should meet at 1:45 p.m. at the St. Titus Parking Lot on Keenwood Rd.. The parade will end at Calvert Hurdle Park on North Wales Road, where judging of costumes, and refreshments will be served.

Age groups for the judging are 2-5 yrs. old, 6-8 yrs. old, and 9-12 yrs. old. Prizes will be awarded for the most original, funniest, and scariest costumes.

The parade route is as follows: from St. Titus parking lot to Keenwood, right onto Norriton Dr., right onto North Wales Rd., left onto Wellington, right on Markle, right onto Baldwin and across the street to the park where judging will be held and refreshments served.

For more information call Larry Brown, Director of Parks and Recreation 275-2800. Rain Date for the parade is Sunday Oct 28, 1979.

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Trojan Wrap-Up

By Barry Schickling

It's now the time of year to start talking about championships. Without trying to jinx anyone or any team, the Wissahickon High School golf team has a week of decision ahead of it. If they go undefeated in their three matches this week, they will gain a first place tie with Central Bucks East in the Bucks-Mont League.

Last weeks matches were encouraging for the golfers. First was a 259-280 win over North Penn. Mike Mascitti, and Kirk O'Connell both shot 40 in the nine hole contest. Ken Scott followed with a 43, then Brian Attig with a 44 and John Munera with a 45.

Then in the big match of the year so far, the Trojans handed Central Bucks East their only league defeat of the season, 344-351. Scott and Attig both garnered 53's. Mascitti and O'Connell also both finished in the 50's.

The soccer team ran agian into tough luck last Friday. A make-up game against Pennridge went in the Rams favor, 3-2. The winning goal came breaking a 2-2 tie in the fourth quarter.

Prior to that game against Pennridge though, the booters did put back to back shutout wins together. The first was a convincing 3-0 victory over Souderton. Nunzio Signore scored two goals and Mark Bidwell added the third. Then a tough 1-0 win over North Penn gave the Trojans their fourth league win of the season. Signore had the only goal.

The boys cross-country team finished a strong third behind Central Bucks East and North Penn at the Bux-Mont Championships at Montgomery County Park in Green Lane last weekend. Scott Landis (fifth place, 16:28) John Hanlon (seventh, 16:36) and Keith Ryales (12th, 16:54) were the Trojans that finished in the top 15.

The girls squad which had figured to finish stronger, also had to settle for third, behind Perkiomen Valley and North Penn. Two Trojan finishers were Keleigh Baldwin (fourth, 19:37), and Sue McNulty (13th, 20:55).

Finally, the field hockey team is now in danger of finishing the season winless in the league for the first time in many a year. They dropped two games last week, the Central Bucks East, 3-1 and to Upper Perkiomen, 3-2, in a flick-off. The final game of the year is at Quakertown this week, and a win for the Trojans would knock the Panthers out of the District One Playoffs.

NOTES: Ken Scott, Mike Mascitti, Joe Miller and Brian Attig will compete in the Bux-Mont individual golf championships this week at the Bucks County Country Club . . . Both cross-country teams have now completed their season . . . Soccer and field hockey are now in their final week of play.

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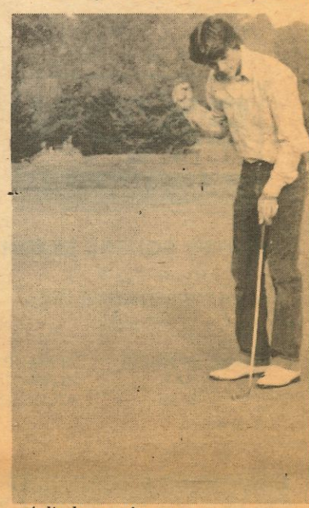

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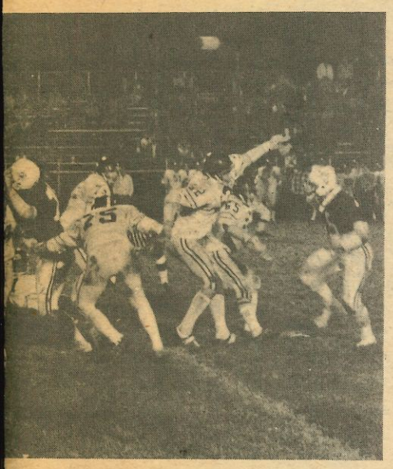


Noted Aviatrix to Speak at MCCC Alumni Dinner

Louise Sacchi of Jenkintown, a well-known aviatrix and author, will serve as guest speaker at a nursing alumni dinner to be held at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell on Thursday evening, October 25. The dinner meeting will follow an afternoon workshop entitled, "Nursing Leadership: Risk Takers and Role Makers".Professionals in the field of health care, as well as MCCC nursing alumni, are invited to attend this four-hour program.

Ms. Sacchi is president and chief pilot of Sacchi Air Ferry Enterprises (SAFE). Her record as a pioneer in aviation, especially in the field on long-range and ocean flying, clearly qualifies her as a leader, risk-taker and role maker.

A pilot since 1939, she has flown both single-engine and twin-engine aircraft to Europe, Africa, Australia and Asia and has had more experience in ocean flying than any other non-airline pilot save one. Ms. Sacchi currently holds the record number for all ferry pilots of 19,750 hours in the air and 333 ocean crossings.

Ms. Sacchi is the author of a book entitled, *Ocean Flying — A Pilot's Guide*, which was published this year by McGraw-Hill Book Company. She is presently working on an autobiography.

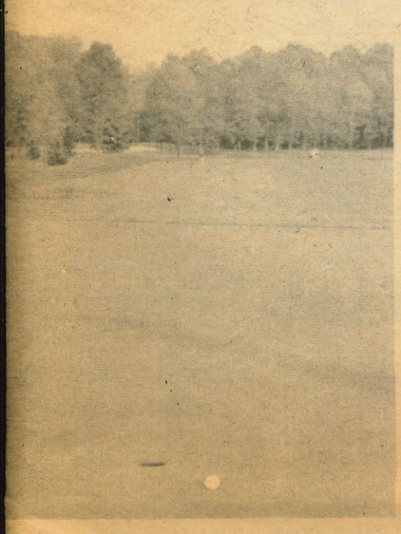
In 1942 Ms. Sacchi gave up her career as a medical technologist when she was the first woman selected to teach advanced navigation to the R.A.F., who were training in Terrell, Texas. In 1948 she was the first woman hired as flight and ground instructor at Wings Field in Ambler.

In addition to piloting, navigating and teaching, Ms. Sacchi has also worked as an airplane mechanic, managed a seaplane base, sold airplanes, and served as an engineering assistant on a Navy fuel test.

In 1971 Ms. Sacchi set a world speed record for single-engine, piston-powered general aviation airplanes from New York to London, a record which still stands. She holds numerous awards and medals from organizations ranging from Beech Aircraft Corporation to the Spanish government.

Two games too many

By Barry Schickling



Normally football teams play only one game every week. Once in a while though, weather conditions make this arrangement impossible. The Wissahickon football Trojans found this out the tough way last week. After a make-up game at Trojan Stadium last Monday night in which Wissahickon played league co-leader Central Bucks West to a hard fought 6-0 loss, the Trojans had to come back four days later for a game in Perkasie against Pennridge. Pennridge 28, Wissahickon 6. It wasn't that close.

The Trojans amassed a total of five first downs, and 111 offensive yards. The only glimmer of substantial offense all night, was a Jamie Wynder to Craig Mitchell 10-yard connection that came with only a few minutes left in the contest.

After some run a few plays, punt, run a few plays punt types of series in the first quarter, Ram quarterback Ron Barndt capped off a well engineered drive with a five-yard run. Even though the conversion was unsuccessful, Pennridge never trailed again.

Five minutes later Wynder, this time in his defensive back position lost his footing allowing a Barndt to Greg Richards pass enable the Rams to get to the Trojan 6. Another completion to wider receiver Mark Ludlow gave the Rams all they needed on the scoreboard. A running two-point conversion by running back Jim Jampo made the tally 14-0.

In the second half the Trojans made a valiant try to get back in the ballgame but an interception by guard Brian Scholl was returned to the Wissahickon 11. A couple of plays later Jim Jampo ran it in from four yards away and the 21 point deficit for the Trojans might as well have been 100.

The final Ram score came with about a minute remaining in the third quarter. This time another senior quarterback, Brooks Peters found Bill Jampo (twin brother of Jim) deep, and the 49 yard pass closed out the home team's scoring.

The Rams however, are probably not that much better a team than the Trojans. Wissahickon committed three costly turnovers that didn't assist their defense in holding off the Rams.

Pennridge now 3-2 in the Bux-Mont League, gets to try their luck at Central Bucks West this week. Wissahickon, meanwhile will hopefully get a full week to rest and prepare for the Quakertown Panthers. It will probably make a big difference, those extra three days.

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TIPS ON VISION

By Dr. Gary Litman

An eye condition that may be diagnosed during a routine eye examintion or with proper knowledge may be diagnosed by the patient, is retinal detachment. This condition usually occurs in those over 45 years of age. It is more common in men (60 to 70 percent) and in approximately 25 percent this condition affects both eyes. Retinal detachments are more common in nearsighted people or those who have had cataract operations.

The retina is the inner most layer of the eye. It is a thin delicate sheet of tissue. The retina itself has ten further subdivided layers. The three major mechanisms of retinal detachment are: breaks or tears in the retina; the jelly-like substance in the front of the retina shrinking; ;or fluid accumulating in the retina from inflammations of the retina itself or the layer behind the retina.

Some signs or symptons of retinal detachments are; floaters or spots suddenly appearing before one's eyes; flashes of light; loss of vision; and a sudden cloud over one's field of vision. This cloud may be described as a "floating curtain or cloud in front of the eye".

If the detachment is not treated, the entire retina usually becomes involved and may result in a blind eye. Although present day techniques allow reattachment of the retina in 80 to 90 percent of the eyes, the visual outlook is uncertain. This depends on the severity of the detachment and other possible complications.

MOTHERING

By Helen Roberts

TEMPER. . . .TEMPER! The happiest and most wisely handled child in the world may sometimes have a good, old-fashioned temper tantrum.

Basically,temper tantrums are a result of frustration. The youngster either wants to do something or wants something and in his efforts to do or obtain this, he is somehow frustrated. Simple things like pulling a toy that gets caught on the chair, or wanting a cookie and not getting it, or wanting Mother to hold him when she is unable to at that moment, may bring on a tantrum.

When this happens, usually the child lies on the floor and screams, pounds, kicks, anything to express his frustration. This behavior is common and can be expected during the time that your young child is exploring his new found independence. As the child gets older, his developing maturity will enable him to handle equally frustrating situations without resorting to such dramatic, drastic and irritating measures.

A child definitely should not be allowed to get his way by means of a temper tantrum. If he is trying you out, he will simply stop when he realizes that the tantrum will get him nowhere. Once the parent gives in to the child, this method will be used again and again by the child to achieve the desired results.

Children also have tantrums when they are over-tired, over-stimulated or given directions to do things that are often beyond their desire or ability.

Remember, you are an adult and you are dealing with a child. Shaking, spanking or yelling when your child is having a temper tantrum brings you right down to the same level. You will soon learn that you will never win an argument with a child by behaving like one yourself.

Always try to retain your composure and point out that next time the topic deserves discussion and undestanding and your child will be much happier with the ending results. Allow your basic common sense to guide you and your child will eventually mature to the point where verbal communication is the primary means of the parent-child relationship. The temper tantrums will pass as the child learns to keep emotions under control and also knows that yelling and screaming will achieve absolutely nothing.

Next week MOTHERING will discuss STRANGERS. How does your child react to a new face? Would your child go in a car with a stranger? Would your child take a piece of candy? Make a fast friend? We will discuss the correct way to teach your child what to do when approached by a stranger. Have a good week.

How to become a Med Lab Tech

A special program entitled, "How to Become a Medical Laboratory Technician", will be presented in the student lounge at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell on Thursday evening, November 1, at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend either of the one-hour sessions.

The presentation, which will be made by Joyce Portnoy, chairman of the Medical Laboratory Technician department, has been designed to provide information about the MLT program, and related career opportunities, to individuals who are either seeking a new career or contemplating changing careers.

In addition to Ms. Portnoy's presentation, a film entitled, "In a Medical Laboratory", will also be shown. Following the film, the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

The two-year MLT program is designed to train students for work as medical laboratory technicians, or to pursue their studies at a baccalaureate level. In addition to their required course work at the college, students will also conduct clincial laboratory work under supervised conditions in area hospitals. Graduates of this program will receive an associate degree and be eligible to take a national certifying examination.

Prior to joining the MCCC faculty in 1976, Ms. Portnoy served for 7 years as educational coordinator of the school of medical technology at the Cooper Medical Center in Camden, N.J. She has also worked as an inspector of labs for the Pennsylvania Department of Health and as a laboratory technologist at Episcopal and Temple University Hospitals in Philadelphia and at hospitals in Paris, France and Basle, Switzerland. Ms. Portnoy, a resident of Dresher, holds a B.S. degree from Temple University.

Further information about the November 1st program can be obtained by calling the M.L.T. department at Montgomery County Community College, 643-6000, extension 394.

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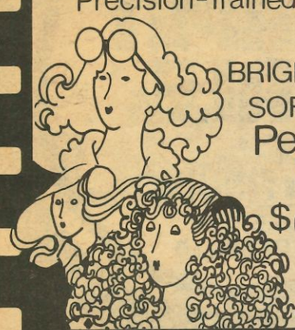

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Red Cross News

The Open House held Sunday afternoon at the new Headquarters of the Central Montgomery County Branch of the American Red Cross was attended by many of the organization's 700 area volunteers and a few hundred interested citizens.

The Red Cross' disaster van was on display manned by John DiJenno, Robert Moser and Jack Kane of the disaster action team. David Donovan, first aid chairman, explained the use of manikins and other equipment in instructing in first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation classes

A slide series featuring blood services, aid to military families and other ARC services, was viewed during the afternoon.

Youth appointees to the board from area high schools and volunteers from Methacton High School served as guides during the afternoon.

In a brief program, welcoming remarks were made by Mrs. Esther McClure, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Angelo Menna, Executive Director of the American Red Cross for Southeastern Pennsylvania, praised the effortys of area volunteers and the expanded services that necessitated the move to a larger facility. He commended the site committee for their work over the past two years in search of suitable headquarters.

Menna forecast an increasing need for Red Cross services in the Central Montgomery County area and continued growth of the local branch.

The site committee consisted of Richard I. Clark, Chairman, Harry Butera of Norristown, Mrs. Katherine M.Beattie of Phoenixville, Mrs. Marjorie DeHaven, Mrs. Esther McClure and James J. Oliver, Jr. of East Norriton, Donald Rose of Jeffersonville, and Mrs. Clara Wentz of Schwenksville.

The local branch of the American Red Cross was founded in 1917 and was headquartered in the old Boro Hall on Airy Street until the early 1940's when they moved to 826 DeKalb St.. The move to 1651 Markley St. occurred in June and renovations were recently completed.

Serving on the Open House Planning Committee were Mrs. Lola VanRonk, chairman and Mrs. Kathleen Troncelliti of Norristown; Mrs. Nancy Lawlor of Ambler, and Mrs. Marjorie DeHaven and Walter Paquette of East Norriton.

For additonal information concerning any services offered by the American Red Cross, telephone 272-6800

Spring House Village sponsors Apple Festival

Spring House Village Center will be bringing you the season's harvest from Apples and Things on Thursday and Friday, October 25 and 26 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, October 27 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Come shop, eat and enjoy the pick of the crop, plus pumpkins, Indian corn, baskets and lots more!

Children from one to ten years old are invited to our Saturday Costume Party at 1 o'clock.

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"Pounds Off" will be held in 8 weekly seminars. Participants can enroll in either day or evening sessions. The daytime group will meet on Wednesday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. beginning October 24 and ending December 19. Evening classes will be held on Thursdays from 7:30-9:30 p.m., October 25-December 20. Classes will not meet during Thanksgiving week.

These seminars are designed to increase the participant's knowledge of how to lose weight and keep it off and will serve as a vehicle for restructuring behavior that leads to obesity The long term effects of obesity on the body will be examined, as well as a life time solution.

Instructing the evening classes will be Sandra G. Crandall, one of the first graduates of the Family Nurse Clinician Program at the University of Pennsylvania, where she also earned her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing.

Food Facts

Eliminate High Risk in the Kitchen

Is your family a prime candidate for a case of food poisoning? According to a recent survey, your kitchen may very likely be a "high risk" zone for the 2 to 10 million estimated cases of food poisoning that occur each year.

The nationwide survey, conducted by the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service, showed that 63% of the 2,503 homemakers sampled were conducting at least one "high risk" practice in their kitchens.

A "high risk" practice is one that may lead to an unnecessarily high potential of sickness due to possible contamination of food. Foods may become contaminated through such things as undercooking, lack of sanitation, or insufficient knowledge of important time-temperature relationships in preparing, serving and storing cooked meat, poultry and salad sandwiches.

There are many potentially dangerous situations associated with careless food handling. The following tips can help you to protect your family from illness caused by harmful bacteria in food.

Maintain your refrigerator at or below 40° F. Temperatures of 45° F. or higher are not cold enough to adequately retard the growth of bacteria even for a relatively short time.

Frozen food items should be properly wrapped in moisture vapor-proof materials (aluminum foil, polyethylene bags, freezer film wraps, plastic and metal containers) and stored at 0° F. or below in your freezer. Do not mistakenly believe that refrigeration completely stops bacterial growth and that freezing kills bacteria. Refrigeration only checks bacterial growth.

Cooked foods should be served soon after cooking, or refrigerated promptly. Even after a meat or poultry item is cooked, it is not safe from bacterial growth at normal room temperatures. Cooked meats, poultry and seafoods should not be stored for more than one week in the refrigerator. Cooked leftovers should be heated thoroughly at 165° F. and broths and gravies should be boiled for several minutes.

Thaw frozen meat or unstuffed poultry in the refrigerator. That way the surface does not reach dangerously high bacteria levels before the product thaws in the center. For a quicker method, immerse the package in its watertight wrapper in cold water and thaw until meat is pliable. Meat, fish and poultry can be cooked without thawing; allow about 1/3 to 1/2 more cooking time.

Most partially thawed foods refreeze safely if they still contain ice crystals and are firm in the center. It's best to cook foods that have completely thawed and then refreeze them for later use. Do not partially cook meat or poultry one day and complete the cooking process the next day.

Keep eggs clean and cold. Cracked or soiled eggs may contain harmful bacteria. They should be used only in foods that are cooked thoroughly.

When preparing a turkey, exercise extreme caution. Stuff the turkey just before you're ready to roast it, and don't pack the stuffing too tightly or store leftover stuffing in the turkey. When cooking the stuffing inside the turkey, make sure it reaches a temperature of at least 165° F. If you prefer, stuffing may also be cooked in a separate container.

Be aware of your individual responsibility for hygienic food preparation. An uncovered cut or scratch can be a possible source of infection or contamination if it comes into contact with foods. After cutting up raw meat, make sure the knife, the cutting surface, and the hands are thoroughly washed with soap and hot water before chopping fresh vegetables that will be eaten uncooked. Otherwise, bacteria can be transferred from the fresh meat to the vegetables.

USDA-inspected meat and poultry can carry harmful bacteria. Absolute protection is not always attainable since certain harmful bacteria and germs are present everywhere in our environment.

In determining whether canned food is safe to eat, *do not taste the product.* This is a potentially fatal act. Signs that a canned food item is unsafe are dents, bulges, leaks or punctures in the can. If you are the least bit uncertain about the safety of a canned food item, boil the contents for at least 10 minutes. Be extremely cautious if there is an unusual odor, discoloration, or the presence of mold or fungus. The best rule of thumb is "When in doubt—throw it out!"

It's important that all family members learn these simple precautions about the proper ways to handle foods. Follow these suggestions, and practice selective buying, proper home storing, and hygienic food handling and preparation techniques.

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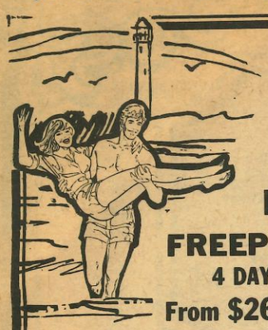

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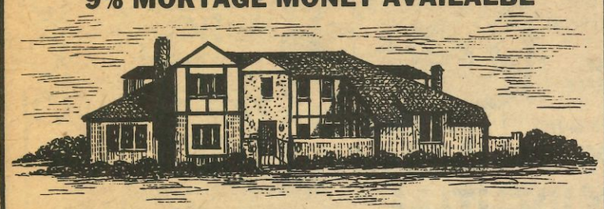

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Chances are good that your home's annual heating and cooling costs are a lot higher than they need to be.

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Then take an hour to audit your home's energy efficiency. You may be surprised at the amount of fuel and money you are wasting—fuel and money you could save, simply by installing such readily available home improvements as building insulation, storm doors and windows, and caulking and weatherstripping.

To begin diagnosing your home's savings potential, you'll need the following tools: a flashlight, a ruler and a screwdriver.

You might also want to take along a pad and pencil and keep record of whatever savings opportunities you discover, and the improvements needed to take advantage of those opportunities.

There are two basic types of insulation. One type has been pre-fabricated into a "blanket" configuration that fits neatly between joists and studs.

The second comes in a loose, chopped-up form that is either poured or blown into place with special pneumatic equipment.

Either type is acceptable, although blankets, because of their consistent dimensions, offer a more uniform thickness and density and, hence, greater assurance of installed performance.

To check for insulation, look between floor joists in the attic, between exterior wall studs (if exposed), around heating and cooling duct work and between floor joists over unheated crawl spaces.

Also, check for duct work. Heating and cooling ducts in unconditioned spaces should be insulated. (If your attic is "floored," pry up one of the boards with your screwdriver and look below, between the joists.)

In older homes—homes built before the late '60s when energy was cheap and plentiful—you may not find any insulation, or at best only a few inches in the attic.

In newer homes, homes built after 1970 and homes completed within the past year or so, you might discover as much as 12 inches of insulation.

How much insulation?

According to the National Home Improvement Council, at today's high fuel costs, any home—new or existing—should contain no less than 6 inches of insuation in the attic.

And in colder parts of the country, these experts recommend up to 12 inches (R-38) in the attic, 6 inches (R-19) in walls, and 6-½ inches (R-22) in crawl spaces. These amounts vary, of course, according to climate conditions and local fuel and utility prices.

Ask your contractor or local utility how much insulation is the most cost-effective in your area.

Storm windows and doors

While you're checking the doors and windows, you might want to give some thought to two other important energy-saving improvements—storm windows and doors.

If you already have storm sash all around, take comfort in knowing that you're saving energy. If you don't have storm windows and doors, but do have double-glazed or "thermo-pane" type windows, installing storm windows still provides a good way to lower fuel bills and cut down on drafts.

Insulating walls

Insulating walls is not a do-it-yourself job. It's best done by a professional insulation contractor who has the expertise and special pneumatic equipment to perform the work quickly and efficiently.

To find the name of a reputable contractor nearest you, check for the National Home Improvement Council member listed under "Insulation Contractors—Cold and Heat," in the telephone directory.

All NHIC contractor members are pledged to adhere to a Code of Ethics, which assures consumers of reliable professional service.

Last stop—the basement

The last stop on the energy-efficiency check-up tour is the basement, an area that wastes more of your home's energy than you think.

Unless basement walls are unfinished, you'll need to call in an insulation contractor to blow insulation into the walls—and bring them up to present energy standards.

While you're in the basement, be sure to check your furnace and central air-conditioning units. For maximum operating efficiency, have these inspected regularly and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Furnace filters should be checked and changed at least once a month during peak operating seasons. Dirty filters cause your furnace and air-conditioner to work overtime.

Look outside, too

Lastly, in addition to checking the energy saving potential of a home's interior features, you'll also want to check outside for such things as protective foliage and roof color.

Trees on the lot can help a house save energy during the hot months. So, too, can light colored shingles. They reflect the sun's rays during the summer and, together with insulation, can help reduce your air-conditioning bill.

Also, note whether your home has any unheated crawl spaces. Floors above these areas should be insulated with minimum of R-19. And, if these unheated areas also contain duct work, be sure it's properly insulated, too.

Sights in space at Temple-Ambler

See Sights In Space At Temple-Ambler

Craters of the moon, the Andromeda Galaxy and Ring Nebulla will be in view through a powerful 14-inch telescope on the Ambler Campus of Temple University, Meetinghouse Road, off Butler Pike, in Upper Dublin Township.

The Observatory Open House, sponsored by the Temple University Physics Department, will also feature an astronomy slide show. This event will take place Thursday, October 25, from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. The Ambler Campus observatory is located behind the gymnasium. Free parking will be available in the Meetinghouse Road lot.

Clear skies permitting, the public will also view many celestial objects through smaller telescopes. Temple University Physics Professors Dr. Ted Mihalisin and Dr. Howard Poss will be available to answer questions about astronomy. In addition, special guest Mr. Edward Kaczanowica, president of the Delaware Valley Amateur Astronomy Club will attend.

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Power nailers go into action in the construction of a new deck for an apartment building in Georgetown, Lower Gwynedd Township. The work is part of an extensive program of renovation at the 269-unit complex of town homes and apartments which have been offered for condominium ownership. The extensive refurbishing project will cost more than a half million dollars. *This photo exlusive to The Montgomery Observer.*

Improvement will benefit Condo owners

"The purchasers of condominiums in Georgetown, Lower Gwynedd Township,will spend at least $1,500,000 on their properties during the first year of ownership," said Irv Popkin, customer relations manager for the 33-acre property that was recently offered for condominium ownership.

"Some owners will spend $10,000 to $30,000 on their units," he said. "This is money they would not have invested as renters."

Popkin's predictions were made during a talk to the Ambler Rotary Club on Wednesday, October 10.

In his remarks to a well attended meeting of leading businessmen in the area, Popkin discussed the pros and cons of condominium development in general. He cited the reasons for the trend to condominium development. He said that the Philadelphia area was the last of the large city areas to learn what is happening in the world of condominiums.

Popkin said that a leading reason for the growth of this type of real estate development is that rents are not keeping up with maintenance costs for many rental property owners.

He said that condominiums are a non-profit real estate entity. If there is a surplus in the maintenance funds the owners pay in, it ends in improvements to the property or a dividend.

"There is a no vacancy' factor," he said. "Even if a unit is not occupied, it is owned by somebody who still pays his monthly maintenance fee."

In addition to tax advantages and investment against inflation, he cited pride of ownership as a very strong factor. "We notice when we come on a property that renters often throw gum wrappers and cigarette butts on the ground. When they becomne owners, they pick them up."

Changes in our society were noted as strong factors in the rapid growth in the condominium concept. "Fewer couples are having children. The house with the big yard isn't as popular as it once was," he said.

"With more wives working, there is less time to take care of a home. With more women in the work force," said Popkin, "more single women are condominium owners. About a third are single women.

"They have a greater feeling of security, and they can depend on someone else to take care of the property," he said.

Popkin said that in a typical conversion from rental to condominium ownership, 40 to 60 percent of the renters become owners. About 20 percent of the units are sold to investors.

Citing the fact that on any multi-unit property 20 to 25 percent of the residents move each year, the end result of a condominium development is a replacement of people (for all reason) of less than 15 percent.

Although he did not generally agree with the Department of Housing and Urban Development's prediction that half of all Americans would live in some kind of condominium by 1990, he said the future looks bright for the industry.

Replying to a question about elderly residents, Popkin said that a large percentage of the senior citizen residents buy their units. He also cited a lease extension policy and special assistance programs that is offered to Georgetown residents.

"For these programs, we work on a one-to-one basis, taking each residents's situation on its individual merits," he said.

Popkin concluded by saying that the outlook for a large number of Georgetown residents staying on the property as condominium owners is encouraging, and that the interest of non-residents in buying units has been exceptionally strong. His predicition is that resident purchases will be much stronger than the national average.

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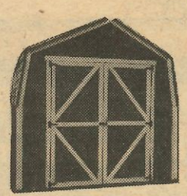

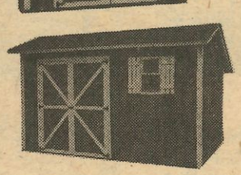

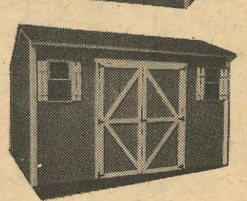

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The fifth annual series of modified banquet-style dinners will be presented again this fall at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell by students in the Hospitality Management Program under the direction of Richard E. Gill, program coordinator. The public is invited to attend.

Beginning October 3, the "Mod-Banquet" dinners will be served twice a week on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. in the Hospitality Dining Center in College Hall. Dinner tickets, which must be purchased in advance are priced as follows: $4.75 (regular) and $3.80 (juniors and seniors).

Tickets for the special series of "Elizabethan Madrigal Dinners", to be held on November 14 and 15, will be priced slightly higher. (Dinners will not be served during Thanksgiving week).

Since phone reservations will not be accepted, all dinner tickets must be purchased in person at the MCCC Bookstore located on the main level of College Hall. They will be available one week in a advance of each dinner's date. However, in the past years, tickets have been sold out in less than three days from their on-sale date. The Bookstore is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Each (weekly) dinner in the series will feature a different menu. The first one will include: manhattan clam chowder; mixed seafood salad; stuffed fillet of flounder, New Orleans; French fried cauliflower; rice verde; assorted fruit breads and butter; and apple pie with sharp cheese.

The dinner series concept has been developed as a practical way for students enrolled in the hospitality management program to gain realistic experiences in restaurant management functions. Each dinner presented to the public has been researched, designed, promoted, purchased, prepared and serviced by students.

The two-year associate degree program in hospitality management was introduced at the community college in 1974. It is designed primarily to prepare the student for immediate career opportunities in hotel and restaurant management. Graduates of this program, can transfer to one of over 50 colleges that offer four-year programs in this field.

Further information regarding group parties for the dinner series, master menus for the season, or about the Hospitality Management Program should be directed to the public information office of Montgomery County Community College (643-6000, ext. 404).

"Magic Carpet Ride" is theme of Gwynedd-Mercy Homecoming

Alumni of Gwynedd-Mercy College are invited to a "Magic Carpet Ride" which will touch bases with the past, present and future at the Homecoming Weekend to be held on October 26, 27 and 28 at the College campus, Sumneytown Pike, Gwynedd Valley.

The first stop will be the President's "Welcome Aboard" Cocktail Party in the Waldron Student Center on Friday evening. On Saturday morning, alumni will be given tours of the campus, including the newly opened Connelly Faculty Center. Later, they will have an opportunity to select "one from column A and one from column B" in open classes at "Alumni College".

The classes, a sample of the variety of courses and the dynamic teaching at Gwynedd Mercy, include: "Where the Action Is", with Sr. Mary Paul, Science Division. "Alone on the Atlantic", a mini-lecture and film presentation concerning theory and practice of successful goal setting, with Tom Gilmore, Computer Science Instructor, "Erin Go Bragh", an overview of Ireland's history, culture and struggle for freedom through poetry, with Sr. Helen Cahill. "Column B" feataures: "Second Thoughts Concerning the Technological Fix", Thomas Young, Humanities Division; "Effective Parenting", Sr. Virginia Hasson, Education Division; and "Dynamics of Time Managemnt", Sandra Keiss, Director of Career Planning and placement.

In between classes, there will be a Ponce de Leon Luncheon, hosted by Sr. Mary Gregory, former GMC president.

Saturday evening will be an "Evening of Enchantment" with a Dinner Dance at the Holiday Inn, Lansdale. Arrangements have been made with the Inn to accomodate out-of-town alumni in a special GMC Block.

Sunday's activities will focus on the Eucharistic Celebration in the Waldron Student Center Lounge, followed by a "Till We Meet Again" brunch.

Alumni may attend all or any one of the Alumni Weekend events. A special package price is available for registration for all events. Chairman for the Homecoming is Barbara Gruber; Donna Dellaporte is co-chairman, Dinner; Joy D'Amico Dodge, co-chairman, Lunch, Brunch, Mass; Marita Stoerrle, co-chairman, Cocktail Party; Anne Fitzpatrick, co-chairman, Alumni College Day.

For reservation information, call the College Alumni Office, 646-7300, Ext. 116.

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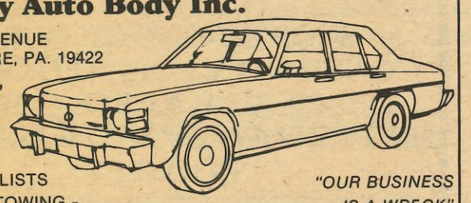

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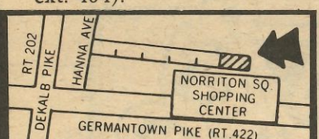

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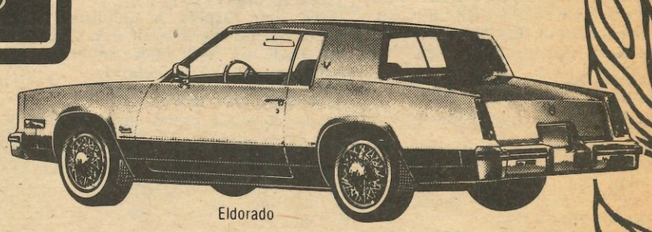

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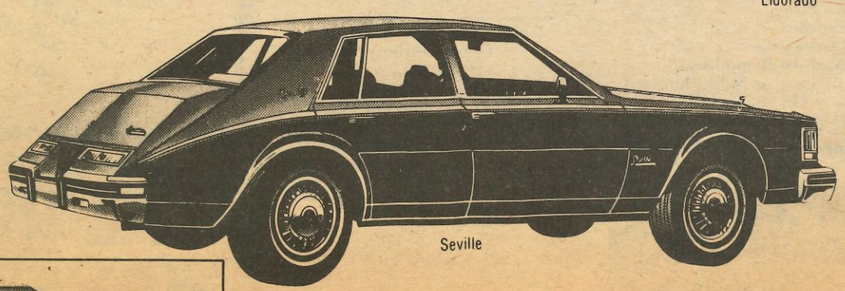

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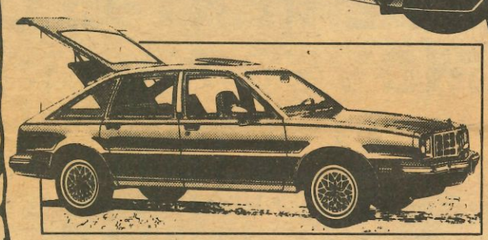

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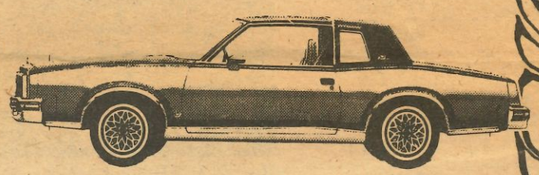

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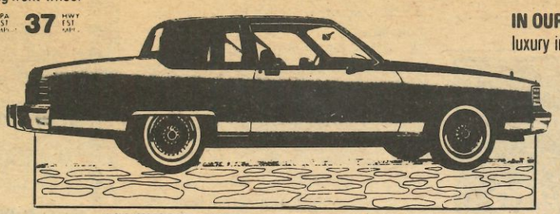

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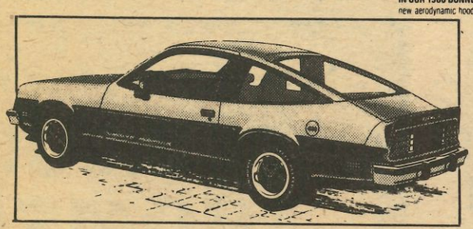

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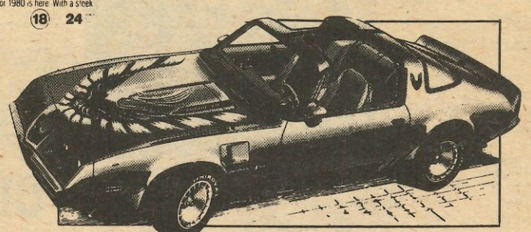

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